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This stark reality is scaring the Democratic leadership and bringing to the forefront their shrewd attempts to buy votes from members on the fence. Both the [Washington Times](#) and [Washington Post](#) had featured articles in their papers this morning discussing the lengths to which the Democrats are going to get votes. For example, Rep. John Barrow (D-Ga) and Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA), both of whom are leaning towards opposing the bill, have had \$75 million for peanut storage subsidies targeted at their districts.

The actions by the Democratic leadership on this matter is ludicrous. If they cannot convince Congress of the merits of their "slow bleed" Iraq policy, then they should work on their salesmanship -- not just start handing out cold-hard cash. This is reckless, irresponsible, and not fair to the taxpayer.

To see just how fractured the Democrats are on this bill, check out this [report](#) released by the [RSC](#) press office. They have just about everything, but consensus in their ranks.